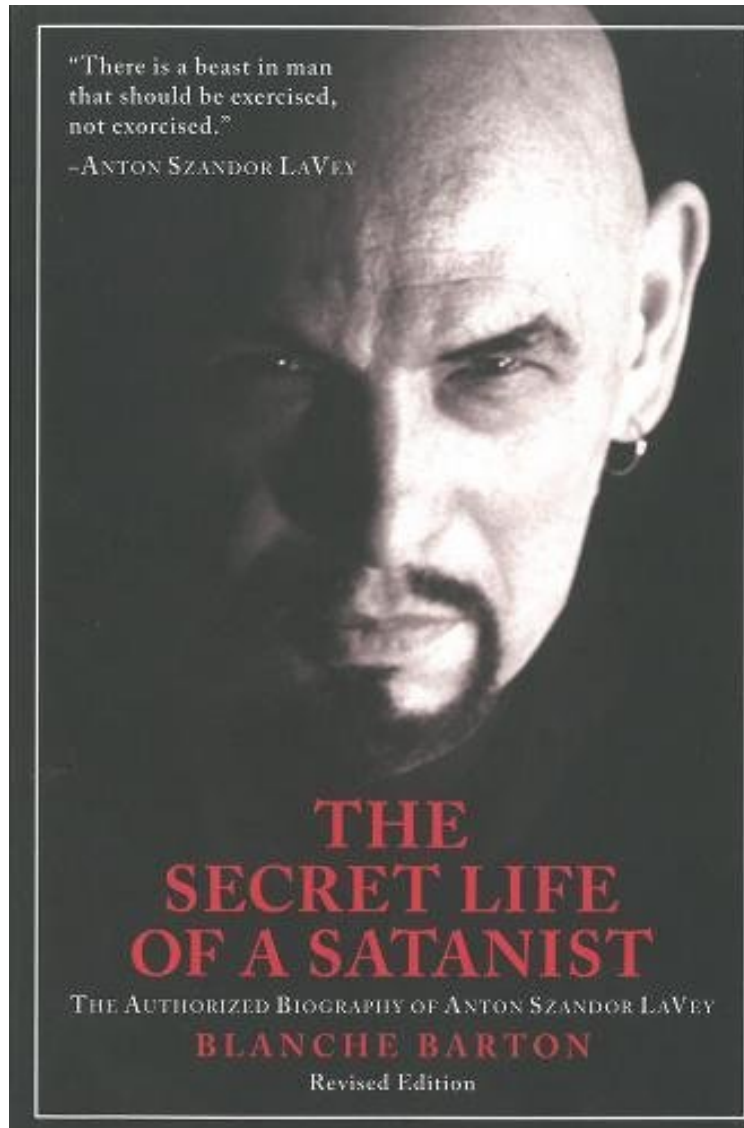


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**Blanche Barton : The Secret Life of a Satanist: The Authorized Biography of Anton Szandor LaVey** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Secret Life of a Satanist: The Authorized Biography of Anton Szandor LaVey:

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matterBy FJK1138Not being a religious person, I can read about Anton LaVey and the Church of Satan with a completely open mind. Whether or not you want to believe, love, or fear anything associated with the Church is entirely up to you. I learned of him in the 80s during all the Satanic Panic associated with all the heavy metal music I grew up on, and that is what primarily drew me to read this book. There is no doubt that Anton was an intelligent and reasonable person who formed a religion based on a mixture of common sense, a dislike of Christian dogma, and a dash of all things theatrical thrown in for good measure. I respect him for taking on and challenging the established order and going his own ways. There is a quote from him during the Watergate era in the book saying he expected to be remembered far long after the politicians of the era would be, and I have no doubts that it has already happened. That all being said, the way this information is presented in this book was the main issue to me. The first parts about how Anton grew up, how he formed the church, and early mass perception of how it was all received were easily the best parts of the book. There are interesting tales of many celebrities, including the legendary Marilyn Monroe and Jayne Mansfield. But once the main narrative goes past these sections and started getting into the Satanic philosophy is where it lost me. At that point, it all becomes another form of preaching and I wound up skimming those parts. The rest of book about shifts tone again once his wife talks about the rest of Anton's life and ultimate demise. Even though it was all well written, it almost felt like it was the work of two or three different authors combined into one. I really wished it would have just followed the format of the first parts of the book all the way through. Regardless, if you find this subject matter at all interesting, you should give it a try. I can't recommend it as being a definitive account of all things Satanic (sorry, but I don't know or really care either way), but in all honesty it might mean more to you if you either love or hate Satanism, as the impact is pretty much lost on you if you are not a believer. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. This is a very enjoyable and informative read for those interested in learning about Anton LaVey from one who knew him better than anyone. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The Secret Life of a SatanistBy TCInteresting read. I'm a Anton LaVey fan so I like almost everything concerning this interesting man.

The Secret Life of a Satanist steps behind the curtain with the founder and High Priest of the Church of Satan. What is contemporary Satanism, and why would one start a church dedicated to the Dark One? It wasn't a rebellion against an oppressive religious upbringing; it was Anton Szandor LaVey's disgust with most of humanity. Drawing from Jack London, H.L. Mencken, Friedrich Nietzsche, Marquis de Sade, George Bernard Shaw, John Milton, Benjamin Franklin, and a host of reprobates, with a large dose of alchemy and black magic, LaVey formulated a philosophy that deeply resonated with him. LaVey did not worship Satan; he paid homage to the rebellious spirit of innovation, defiance, and self-reliance that the archetype embodied. His background as a musician, circus lion trainer, hypnotist, and police photographer is covered here. The author, who later became his paramour and mother to his only son, was allowed extraordinary access to documents concerning his life, testimonies from people who had known him for years, and, most importantly, anecdotes and fond memories from a man living out of his time. After the original publication of this biography in 1990, LaVey and Blanche Barton fought through the Satanic Panic together, and guided the Church for another seven years. This revised edition adds a dozen new and never-before-seen images.